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Mrs. E. A. Bryant,
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Dear Mrs. Bryant:

I send you herewith material of no market value but some of which has considerable value to a botanical institution, as I believe it cannot be duplicated. So long as this belonged to an individual it was as well in my hands. But I have wanted to hand it over to an institution for some time, largely because only institutions alone can make use of ~~them~~ it and are the proper depositories for such material. As I come across more, from time to time, I hope to add to it. I do not know just what I have, perhaps but little more.

I send it all, though you have duplicates of many, perhaps a majority. But in future years the garden will have plenty of calls for these and I would leave them there. Not knowing what would be kept as parts of the garden library, I could not autograph any. But after the one in charge has sorted out the few that will go into the permanent collection, you may have them, if you so wish, marked: "Presented by Ernest Braunton" or, if put to one side I will be pleased to autograph same. The others to go into reserve collection.

Please allow me to sermonize a little; you will recognize the spirit in which it is done: because of a deep interest in the garden as such, but especially in this botanic garden and its owner, and a desire to see it carried out with justice to all.

It will always be known, the world over, as: "The Bixby Botanic Garden, at Los Angeles", by word of mouth, and in literature as the "John W. Bixby Botanical Garden". The names are my text.

In-as-much as it is an institution, all names connected with it must be indelibly fixed and in evidence. That includes yours. You can see from letters I have received in addition to your own, that the scientific world is honoring you, and will continue to honor. You are doing a great work, for the world. I knew it all the time and was much elated to be chosen for part of the fundamental work. I do not believe that you realized as fully as I did, the magnitude of the project. It is going to be the most important botanic garden in a state that contains the greatest variety and most magnificent of plant life in the whole world and all the world of botanic science will come to its doors. I am exultant, as far as one can be over an outlook, for it is fairly started. But - - I am exultating too much and running wild.

Every building put up for the garden must have a cornerstone, of lasting material, not adobe, and on that cornerstone must be the name of the honored and of the donor. "In loving memory of John W. Bixby, erected by his daughter Susanna Bixby Bryant". That is not the proper form, but the idea is there. Perhaps you will put it fuller: "Erected in loving memory of John W. Bixby, 1840-1880(?) By his daughter, Susanna Bixby Bryant. 1929." In the end, when the garden is finished so far as present planting plans are concerned, there should be an entrance, gates or pillars, and "John W. Bixby Botanic

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Garden", where all who run may read. Your name as founder, and date. The world too soon forgets, in the use of institutions, who gave it such great wealth and the names should be recorded everywhere they may properly be placed.

There, I have had my fling. Thank you for your indulgence in reading it.

I have more letters of thanks from scientists and others who write thanking me for copy of my garden story and these I shall, from time to time, send you, for I wish you to see the great opinion they have of your efforts to give them something worthy of the name in the world of botany. Copies of this story have gone far, even to Java, to my good friend Dr. Cramer, director of the botanic garden, and who visits with me when he comes to California. Also to Calcutta, India.

Yours truly

Ernest Braunton

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